

In a free democracy, the education of the electorate is critical to the survival of that democracy. As the media becomes more and more consolidated the veiws they represent become narrow and tilted to the interest of a few corperate leaders and not the the public that by law they are required to represent. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. PLEASE TAKE IMIADIATE ACTION TO INSURE THAT OUR DEMOCRACY STAYS IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE, NOT CORPORATIONS. Thank you.